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Upcoming Board of Commissioners Meetings



Organizational Meeting January 2

Bay County Veteran's Affairs New Van



Bay County Veteran Affairs has gotten some new wheels! In their pursuit to provide transportation to and from doctor appointments, locally and statewide, for our Bay County Veterans, really accrue the mileage. The drivers are constantly on the move, from dawn til dusk, operating multiple vehicles to provide this much needed service.

Michigan Mosquito Control Association Conference

For the first time in many years, the Michigan Mosquito Control Association conference is located in our area. It will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel on February 6-7, 2013. The 27th Annual Conference will feature Derric Nimmo, PhD as the Keynote Speaker. His speech will be on the topic of "Genetically Modified Mosquitoes."

There will be a field day demonstration where conference



Ways & Means Committee Meeting

January 8

Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 8

Personnel Judicial & Human Services Committee Meetings

January 15

Please note: You can find Board Calendars, Agendas and Meeting results on the [Board of Commissioners webpage](#). You also can find links to view the videos of each Board meeting, filmed by Bay3TV, on our [video webpage](#).

*All meetings are held at 4:00 PM in the Chambers on the 4th floor of the Bay County Building.



Quick Links

registrants can visit Bay County Mosquito Control to view equipment displays used in our programs. In addition, 6 research students will present their research on a variety of biology subjects as a part of the "William J. Lechel II Memorial Scholarship Student Presentations."

If you are interested or have any questions you can call Rebecca at 894-4555 or visit www.mimosq.org.

Happy Holidays!



Have a happy and safe holiday season!

Division On Aging Update

The Elder Abuse Task Force was nominated and received the Outstanding Collaboration Award from the Bay Human Services Collaborative Council.



This award recognizes outstanding and creative collaboration in health and human services in the Bay County Community in the last year. The Elder Abuse Task Force project has already had significant community impact that is measurable. It has successfully brought a \$385,000 federal grant in the community which is being administered through the Division on Aging.

The Elder Abuse Project collaborative partners are:

Bay County Executive Office

Bay County Division on Aging

Bay County Sheriff

Bay County Prosecutor

Bay County Probate Judge

Department of Human Services

Bay County Prosecuting Attorney

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Great Lakes Shrinking



On November 30, 2012 Bay County hosted a "Restore Our Water Levels" meeting. The goal of the meeting was to create awareness and provide information on the 13 years of low water levels now approaching a new record low.

Bay Area Women's Center

Green Schools

The deadline to apply to be designated an official Michigan Green School is fast approaching and your school is probably already doing enough eco friendly activities to qualify for this designation. To receive the Michigan Green School Environmental Stewardship Designation for the 2012-13 academic year, Bay County schools must:



- Document the environmental stewardship activities that are going on at your school.
- Have your building Principal sign and date the application form;

Submit the signed application form to:

*Alicia Wallace
Bay County Coordinator
Michigan Green Schools
515 Center Avenue, Suite 501
Bay City, MI 48708
wallacea@baycounty.net*

Forms can be mailed or submitted electronically and must be turned in to Alicia Wallace between **January 1, 2013 and March 1, 2013.**

Below are the four (4) categories of activities for official green school qualification. Schools must have a minimum of two (2) activities from each of the following four (4) categories:

- Reduce/Reuse/Recycle- i.e. office recycle paper, use old magazines for art project
- Energy-i.e. energy efficient/ motion activated lighting as most local schools have or discuss the importance of turning lights off when you are not in a room.
- Environmental Protection- i.e. visit a nature preserve like these students from Pinconning Elementary.
- Miscellaneous- i.e. host an event that promotes Sustainability like the Bay-Arenac ISD Career Center did this fall.

The application form has several examples and suggestions for activities for each category listed above.

After you look at the list of activities being done by other Green Schools, there's a good chance your school is already doing many of these activities that would qualify for Michigan Green Schools designation.

If you would like more information on the Michigan Green Schools Initiative, please contact Alicia Wallace at 989-895-4195 or via e-mail at wallacea@baycounty.net.

Shoe Year's Day at the State Park!

On January 1, try something different and join park staff and **Beth Chorba** from Base Camp Fitness Co. to learn how to "Warm up to Winter." Get tips on proper winter fitness gear, outdoor fitness safety, and more - plus, go on a guided hike through the Tobico Refuge of the Bay City State Recreation Area!

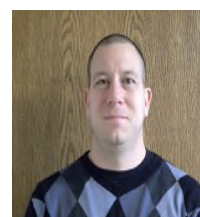


This event will kick off a new state park program called "Fresh Air Fitness" which will feature various fitness classes at the state parks throughout Michigan. Take your fitness to a whole new level at Michigan's biggest gym - the great outdoors.

Free beverages and snacks provided. Meet at 10:30AM at the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center at 3582 State Park Drive. This would also be a great time to support your state and local parks by buying the Recreation Passport - your annual \$10 pass required for all Michigan state parks, forest campgrounds, trailheads, and waterways sites. Passport revenue is also used to provide grants to local park systems. If you don't already have the Passport, this is a great chance to buy one from a park ranger before the price goes up to \$11 on January 2.

Personnel Announcement

Bay County is happy to announce the appointment of Robert T. Metcalfe as the latest addition to the Bay County Recreation Division. Mr. Metcalfe will serve as a manager and split his time between the Bay County Civic Arena and the Bay County Community Center. The position was revamped when two managerial vacancies earlier in the year provided an opportunity to modify the position to better align with financial management needs.



"We are pleased to have Bob Metcalfe join our recreation staff. His experience in Grand Rapids with MVP Sports Clubs LLC made him a very strong candidate with good management, recreation facility and equipment maintenance skills."-County Executive Tom Hickner.

Mr. Metcalfe relocated to Essexville in 2011 when his wife, Tracey, accepted a position as Community Health Educator at

the Bay County Health Department. Originally a native of the area, the Metcalfes were pleased to return to Bay County. Bob is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

His first day on the job was Monday, December 10, 2012 and Bob was eager to get started. He reported to Recreation Division Supervisor Brent Goik and will be a member of the Bay County Association of Managerial, Professional and Supervisory employees.

Bay Future 8th Annual Meeting

Bay Future Inc. is hosting its 8th Annual Meeting, "Keys to Releasing a Culture of Entrepreneurship." This event will feature Dr. Joseph Affholter as the Keynote Speaker. Dr. Affholter is The Dow Entrepreneur-in-Residence.



Friday, February 8, 2013 at the DoubleTree Hotel

Registration begins 11:30 am
Program 12 noon to 1:30pm

Cost: \$20 per person, table of 8 for \$150

RSVP by February 1, 2013 to Joslyn Jamrog
jjamrog@bayfuture.com or (989) 892-1400

Sincerely,

Tom Hickner
Bay County

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